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No. of Sale	Boundary No.	Boundary Measurements	Content	Annual Rent	Use
1	1	Locality	ft. ft. ft. ft. about	sq. ft.	
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1	1	Public Works Dept.	ft. ft. ft. ft. about	sq. ft.	
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KASHMIR	9,005	29th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.	
BIRRIMA	30th Aug.			
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KHYBER	9,114	20th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.	
MOREA	10,954	10th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.	
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RAWALPINDI	16,019	7th Nov.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.	
KALYAN	9,144	22nd Nov.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.	
RANCHI	16,050	6th Dec.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.	
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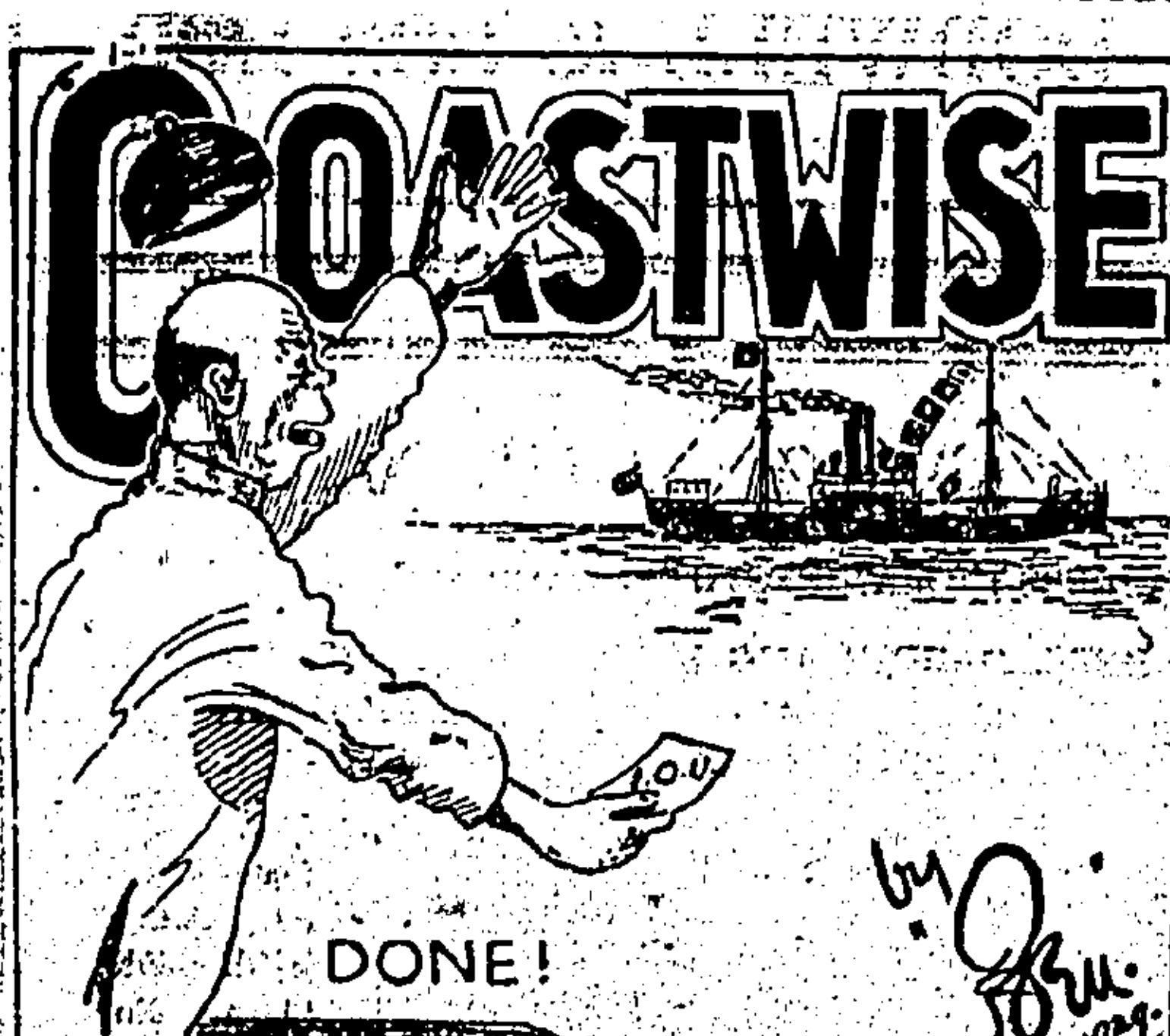
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EMPIRE TRADE.

Considering that a very considerable percentage of the imports to Hong Kong are goods and materials produced within the British Empire, the report of the Empire Marketing Board for the year 1929-30, which has just reached us, should be of great interest to all concerned with the shipping and trade of the Empire. Remarkable evidence of the growth of Empire buying in the United Kingdom is given in the report, and the aims of the Board, if met with the support of the British consumer, should do far more than conventions and diplomatic speeches to draw closer the bonds uniting the Dominions and Colonies with the Home Country.

The Board aims at seeing that no factor contributory to the growth of Empire marketing is neglected. The public of the United Kingdom has been approached from many angles. There is, first, the need of making a busy, island, industrial people aware of the realities of the scattered Empire of which they are citizens. Such educational publicity can neither achieve its objects swiftly nor have an immediate and measurable effect upon sales. Nevertheless, if the habit of Empire buying is to be permanently established, educational publicity is essential. The more vividly people appreciate the achievements, the possibilities and the needs of the Dominions and Colonies, the more naturally will they desire to do their business within the Empire.

News in Brief.

Yesterday afternoon a Chinese woman was admitted to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from injury to her head as the result of being struck with a pole which a man was alleged to have thrown about whilst indulging in horseplay in Hollywood Road.

At the Summary Court yesterday afternoon before Mr. Justice J. R. Wood, a Chinese sued a compatriot for the recovery of \$127, money said to have been lent to defendant to release his launch which was seized at Canton for debts. Judgment was given for plaintiff for \$107.70.

A quarrel between two rattan workers employed at a furniture shop at 151, Yuchow Street, Kowloon, yesterday afternoon, resulted in one man named the stomach. He is now in the Kowloon Hospital and his alleged assailant has been arrested by the Police.

Carrying out the usual search on the s.s. Selstar prior to her departure for Singapore, Detective Sergeant Humphreys came across a quantity of illicit opium tucked under a bunk in the crew's quarters. A Chinese watchman who claimed the drug, was arrested and on appearance before Mr. Whyte-Smith this morning was fined \$10 or six weeks' hard labour.

A Chinese named Lam Tak (26), living at 63 Tainan Street, accidentally fell overboard from the steam launch Namsing whilst the vessel was on a trip from Mongkok to Hong Kong. He was rescued by a seaman of the launch named Wong Shu, and a boatman of a passing sampan, named Kwok Kai-ying. On the launch's arrival Lam was handed over to the Police who removed him to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from the effects of immersion.

Yesterday afternoon Mr. R. A. D. Forrest of the S.C.A. charged a Chinese woman before Mr. A. W. G. H. Grantham for procuring a 20-year-old girl for the purpose of prostitution. The prosecution's case was that the girl was brought to Hong Kong on the promise of employment here, but subsequently she was taken to a house at West Point. Mr. Whyte-Smith, who was for the defence, elicited from the girl, under cross-examination, that she had gone wrong before coming to Hong Kong. In the circumstances the Magistrate decided to discharge the accused.

Yesterday afternoon Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith committed for trial at the next Criminal Sessions a young Chinese, on a charge of uttering a forged \$100 note at the Kowloon Hotel, Yau Ma Tei, where he and another man engaged a room. The accused was alleged to have obtained part change for the note because the cashier did not have sufficient in his possession late at night. It was agreed that he should call the following day for the balance. He did so, but in the meantime the note had been discovered to be a fraud and he was arrested. The second man, who was also arrested by the Police was acquitted by the Magistrate.

In connection with the Girl Guides' Essay Competition, I have received the following letter:—

"I am a little dog of Hong Kong who made money on the stage, and as I have some economies, I want to send a small present to Miss X... who wrote so nicely about us all in her essay, and won the 1st prize of the S.P.C.A."

I am sending a little parcel to the care of the S.P.C.A. with kind request to forward it to the addressee, with the sincere thanks and gratefulness of all the animals existing in Hong Kong. If many people took up their cause like that, what less suffering lots of us would have to bear. I am a very happy little dog, and feel sorry for those who are not."

A LITTLE PET ACROBAT.

The Pet Acrobat omitted to inform me of his address, and consequently I was unable to acknowledge receipt of his letter, but I should like to inform him through the medium of your columns that his gift has been duly forwarded to Miss X... the winner of the Essay Prize."

Yours truly,
Hon. Secretary, S.P.C.A.

NO SONGSTER.

BLIND GIRL AVERSE TO LEARNING.

BEATEN BY MISTRESS.

At the Central Magistracy, yesterday, a blind Chinese woman and her husband were charged with assaulting a nine-year-old blind girl who was described as the woman's apprentice.

The woman admitted beating the girl because she would not learn to sing. The man pleaded "not guilty."

The girl, questioned in Court by Mr. Barrow of the S.C.A. who prosecuted, said that she was always well treated by the accused.

The only direct evidence of assault was given by a woman fellow tenant of the accused who said that on Saturday she heard the girl cry out: "Sam Siu, don't beat me, I won't do it again."

She peeped into the cubicle and saw the man beating the girl with a piece of wood. On Sunday the woman beat the girl because she did not sing properly.

The principal tenant of the house, 188 Queen's Road East, and two other women, said that the only time they heard any commotion in the accused's cubicle was on Saturday when they heard the girl say: "Please don't beat me."

They did not hear any sound of beating and concluded that the girl was merely asking for forgiveness for some fault.

The male accused said that on Saturday the girl stole some olives and went under the bed to eat them. He dragged her out and she begged him not to beat her. He had no intention of beating her.

The female accused said that she beat the girl only to correct her. Her husband was always very kind to the girl and whenever witness chastised the girl when he was at home he would drag the girl away.

Pressed by Mr. Barrow, the woman admitted that only once did her husband beat the girl and that was when she stole two cents. The witness added: "Of course, stealing money cannot be passed over. Otherwise she should feel encouraged to steal 20 cents, and then \$1!"

The Magistrate decided that he could not convict the man on the word of one witness alone and discharged him.

Taking into consideration the fact that the woman was blind, he fined her \$25, or three weeks' hard labour.

GREAT NICOLA.

WORLD'S MASTER MAGICIAN AT THE STAR.

When the management of the Theatre, Kowloon, presents Nicola and his famous company on Monday, local theatre goers will be introduced to something entirely unusual. They will see a show that is undoubtedly the finest of its kind, and which offers an amazing array of mysteries and illusions, universal magic and transformations, all guided by the master hand of Nicola, that outweigh anything seen before in baffling perplexities and demonstrations that defy all scientific and natural laws.

The features of Nicola's entertainment are numerous and every feat is performed with such celerity that the programme whirls from one mystery to the next without a moment's respite. Interest is heightened in the performance inasmuch as there can be no plausible explanation offered as to how the tricks and feats are accomplished.

Whilst turning from Nathan Road into Cameron Road, Kowloon, yesterday afternoon, Mrs. J. Silva, who lives at 23 Cameron Road, had her handbag snatched by a sneak thief who approached her from behind. However, the thief did not get the bag without a struggle. In the course of which Mrs. Silva was pushed to the ground. Regaining her feet, she quickly chased the rascal, who ran into Nathan Road and then into Mody Road, where she lost sight of him. The bag contained a \$50 note, a ferry season ticket and other articles. Later, Miss Roland, who joined in the chase, recovered the handbag in the lane at the back of M. Watson's premises, and when it was found that the thief must have opened the bag, had overlooked the note which was tucked in a little side pouch.

His hasty search of the contents probably whilst running failed to reveal anything of value inside, and then he fled the scene in disappointment.

CHIEF BAILIFF APPOINTED.

Mr. Millington's New Post.

18 YEARS' SERVICE.

The *China Mail* learns from an authoritative source that Mr. Henry James Millington has been appointed to the post of Chief Bailiff to the Supreme Court, and has assumed his new duty as from July 2.

Mr. Millington is 45 years of age, and first joined the Government service as a warden in 1912.

Three years later, he was transferred to the Sanitary Department

as a second class Inspector.

In November, 1915, he was seconded

for military service and received

his promotion to first-class Sanitary Inspector in February, 1925.

WEST POINT FIRE.

PANIC-STRICKEN RUSH FROM THEATRE.

GODOWN GUTTED.

A spectacular fire broke out in West Point last night, as a result of which extensive damage was done to a peanut oil godown, situated in Des Voeux Road, West, near the Tai Ping Theatre.

The blaze was reported at about 7.45 p.m., it is said by an employee of the Hong Kong Gas Company. For three hours afterwards, the appliances from the various fire stations fought the flames, which at one time assumed threatening proportions.

In fact, when the engines arrived, it was realised that little could be done to save the godown itself, and all efforts were concentrated on saving the block of buildings likely to be involved.

The timely arrival of a special squad of Police averted what might have been a tragic stampede, from the Tai Ping Theatre. The theatre is within a very short distance of the scene of the fire, and once the alarm was raised, the audience made a panic-stricken rush for the street. The Police had the situation well in hand, however, and it is gratifying to be able to record that no serious injury was reported as a result of the blaze, although a European Police sergeant was temporarily disabled by fumes and smoke. He recovered very quickly, however, and was none the worse for his unpleasant experience.

The through tram service between West Point and Causeway Bay, which was suspended for three hours as a result of the fire, was resumed at about 10.30 p.m.

Ten Years Ago.

From the "China Mail"
July 4, 1920.

To-day's dollar is worth 3/4d.

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Sir.—The way that the Police Reserve has been disbanded is a disgrace to the Colony. No public display or recognition was made in their honour—only a general parade in the Police Compound, and that was all.

How can the Government expect further services from these men when required, and when they are invited to join?

Also those who were given ribbons for medals are still waiting for them. Some say now that silver is cheaper. It is time these medals were minted and appended to the awaiting ribbons.—Ex-Reservist.

Ten Years Hence.

From the "China Mail" of
July 4, 1940.

Owing to the raising of the Theatre-Royal by the last typhoon the Government generously placed the Law Courts at the disposal of the American community for the American Independence Day Ball, the usual business of the Courts being suspended.

At a meeting of ratepayers it was agreed to petition the Government to erect the new Theatre-Royal on the site of the Hong Kong Cricket Club which has been granted a fresh site beyond Shek Kwan.

The Governor's speech at the meeting of the Legislative Council was broadcast to the House of Commons, and the new M.P. for the Colony was unable to arrive home in time to hear it.

UNIFIED COLONIAL SERVICE.

Scientific and Research Service.

GENERAL PRINCIPLES.

The report of the Committee appointed by Mr. Amery in 1929 to consider the system of appointments in the Colonial Service and the Colonial Office continues: The Conference appointed a sub-committee to frame a scheme for the creation of a Colonial Scientific and Research Service, available for the requirements of the whole Colonial Empire. In their Report to the Conference (which is an enlightening document on the whole organisation of the scientific branches of the Colonial Services), the sub-committee supported the principle of the ultimate creation of a unified Colonial Research Service, through the development of separate unified Research Services in the different branches of science—medical, agricultural, forestry, and possibly veterinary.

The sub-committee recommended that the time had come for the organisation of a Colonial Agricultural Research Service, and the Conference approved the general principles and objects of such an organisation, and requested the Colonial Office to appoint a committee to work out details. The Conference also agreed that the question of wider grouping of services should be explored, service by service, in order to ascertain what might be suitable areas for its application.

In 1928, the Colonial Agricultural Service Committee, appointed by the Secretary of State in pursuance of the recommendation of the Conference, made its Report in which was recommended the creation of a unified Colonial Agricultural Service, to include not only Research staff, but all qualified officers who might be selected out of the Agricultural Departments of the Colonial Governments. The Committee proposed a definite scheme of salaries for this unified Service, and we draw attention especially to their view that the creation of the Service, with its prospect of a wide and varied career, would in itself put recruiting on an entirely new basis.

In 1929, there appeared the Report of the Colonial Veterinary Service Committee which recommended the creation of a unified Service, graded by classes, with a proposed scheme of salaries.

Value of Unification.
We have referred to this series of reports in order to show that expert opinion is evidently moving towards the view that the present system of individual self-contained Services in each Colony has had its day. The increased specialisation of staff and the need for specialist advice is responsible for a growing recognition of the limitations imposed by the maintenance of a system which had its value under other conditions.

We desire to state unreservedly that there is a value in a merely nominal unification of Colonial Services, considering the authority which the Secretary of State is in a position to exercise over appointments and terms of service.

There is probably, in present circumstances, not so much movement of officers in the Indian Civil Service from one Provincial Administration to another or between a Province and the Government of India as there is inter-Colonial movement of officers in the Services of the different Dependencies.

But the Colonial Services are deprived of that advantage and prestige which, by reason of its being a unified Service, accrues to the Civil Service in India.

There is in existing circumstances a considerable measure of inter-Colonial transfers, more particularly in the senior appointments. It may fairly be said that the highest appointments in the Colonial Services are under the present system open to any officers recognised to be of outstanding merit. But what is, to our mind, a matter of doubt is whether, particularly in the smaller or more remote Colonies, officers of special ability do obtain recognition, or obtain it in time, by having the chance of showing their capacity in sufficiently responsible positions.

Some Advantages of the Scheme.

We believe that the chief advantages to be granted from a unification of the Colonial Services would be:

(1) A wider recognition of the principles of inter-Colonial movement of officers, particularly in the professional and technical branches of the Services.

group of Dependencies, and of promotion on the ground of merit to the highest appointments in the Colonial Service;

(3) A great addition to the prestige of Colonial service, with its consequent effect both on recruitment and on serving officers.

These are not merely attractions in the interest of recruitment, but sound and essential principles to be applied in the interest of the keenness and efficiency of the Public Service. As an ideal, unification has, as we have shown, received at least lip service on many previous occasions. Some of the practicable difficulties which years ago loomed so large do not now appear so formidable, while fresh obstacles which now obstruct the road might then have been brushed aside.

But the need of efficient service, the penalties of failure, the complexity of the Government machine, the opportunity of results of first-rate importance, all these are greater now. If a more effective organisation is to be achieved, the present is now the time for it, for, if we delay, it may become for ever impracticable.

Some of the Difficulties.
The report also discusses the difficulties which have been hitherto regarded as forbidding unification namely:

(1) The difference in the climatic and other conditions of life in the several Dependencies;

(2) The differences in the scale of salaries and other terms of service of officers serving in similar branches of the several Colonial Administrations;

(3) The personal inclinations of many officers for service in particular territories;

(4) The consideration that, in the case of many branches of the Colonial Services, and particularly the administrative branch, the efficiency of officers requires them to be conversant with the language, customs, etc., of the local peoples;

(5) The reluctance of many of the Colonial Governments to support any appreciable modification of the existing system of self-contained services for each Colony and their power, in certain cases, to reject financial or other proposals which have been hitherto regarded as necessary steps towards any unification.

The Committee emphasizes that the rigour of life in the tropics for Europeans has been very appreciably mitigated—particularly in so far as Tropical Africa is concerned.

With regard to terms and conditions of service in the different Dependencies it points out that, in Tropical Africa, a sustained, if not intensive effort has been directed to obtain a measure of uniformity. The results suggest that some relation between the scale of salaries and other terms of service, not necessarily in the sense of the adoption of identical schemes, could be also expected if a similar effort were to be directed to the Colonial Empire as a whole. It also points to the recent successful attempt to remove an old difficulty, in respect of pensions for mixed Colonial service.

Our evidence shows clearly that in view of the cost and duration of an engineer's training the financial inducements usually offered by the Colonial Services are not adequate. "A System of Patronage."

The report reviews the methods of selection employed by the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the recommendation of his Private Secretary (Appointments) and says:

The present system is open to criticism, first and foremost, as being, at any rate in theory, a system of patronage.

Our own decided view is that the existing arrangements should be replaced by a system of recruitment at once more authoritative and more independent. For a variety of reasons we find ourselves unable to recommend the system of open competitive examination. So far as the African Administrative Services are concerned, we are satisfied that it would be inexpedient, at any rate under existing conditions, to rely on the test of written examinations.

Our recommendation, in the case of all appointments made through the machinery of the Private Secretary, is that the appointing staff cease to be in the position of private secretaries to the Secretary of State, and that the Appointments branch be incorporated in the Colonial Office as a permanent part of a Personnel Division of that Office.

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Engineers and Their Salaries. In the course of certain general remarks concerning the selection of engineers by the Crown Agents for the Colonies the Committee states:—

Some criticism was offered on the ground of delays in filling appointments and in a very few instances we were informed that some complaint was made that occasionally a candidate had been selected who was unsatisfactory from the point of view of temperament and personality.

The terms of appointment and the qualifications stipulated are strictly laid down by the Colonial Governments in their Instructions to the Crown Agents respecting each vacancy, and if, as sometimes happens according to our information, the emoluments offered are below the market rate, or the qualifications stipulated are too exacting in view of the material available, either delay must be expected, or a candidate will be appointed who is not in all respects up to the standard.

We do not recommend any alteration in the system under which such appointments to the Colonial Services are made, but we think it right to take this opportunity to offer certain observations.

The recruitment of qualified technical officers is peculiarly open to competition from private employment, and this has been especially in evidence recently with regard to electrical engineers. . .

We suggest that it would be an advantage if a waiting list or pool of applicants found to be qualified and suitable for appointment could be established, from which vacancies could be filled as soon as notified.

We have the further observation to offer that recruitment by Colonial Governments in all of the branches of the Services with which the Crown Agents are concerned seems to be of a spasmodic and irregular character, though its total annual volume is considerable. It is beyond doubt that the field of candidates might be improved and enlarged if it were possible for the Colonies to indicate their requirements, even if only their minimum requirements, in a bulk requisition, presented some months before the actual selection of candidates was imperative.

Apart however, from these special observations, we do not hesitate to give it as our opinion that any real improvement in the quantity and quality of the fully-trained engineering personnel required for the Colonial Services must depend on an improvement in the general rate of emoluments offered.

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(To Be Continued.)

SHADOWS BEFORE.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL.

SOCIAL FUNCTIONS.

To-day—St. John's Cathedral Hall, Whist Drive, 8.45 p.m.
To-morrow—Tea Dance at Peninsula Hotel, 5 p.m.
To-morrow—V.R.C. Night Fete, 9.15 p.m.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

To-day—Queen's Theatre, "The 13th Chair."
To-day—Star Theatre, "Yankee Clipper," (matinee only); R. B. Salisbury presents "When Knights Were Bold," 9.15 p.m.
To-day—World Theatre, "12 Miles Out," 5.15 and 9.20 p.m.; "Fairy Serpent," (Chinese picture), 2.30 and 7.15 p.m.

To-day—Majestic Theatre, "Infatuated."
To-day—Central Theatre, "Cocoanut." Home Mails.

To-morrow—Inward from America and ports (President Pierce); from Europe, via Siberia (Karmala); Outward for Europe via Victoria, B.C., 5 p.m. and Siberia Maru.

Sports
See Special Sports Diary on page 8.

Lammetts' Auction. July 10—At Sales Room, Duddell Street, a fine collection of stamps, 5.15 p.m.

ROUND THE CINEMAS.

"HAPPY DAYS" AT THE QUEEN'S THEATRE.

COMING ON SUNDAY.

Seen and heard on the Fox Movietone screen, "Happy Days," all star, all talking, all singing, and dancing romance, at the Queen's Theatre from Sunday is a positive sensation, one that must be seen to be fully comprehended, as it baffles description.

The ensembles number more than 150 and include such well known stars of the stage and screen as Janet Gaynor, Charles Farrell, Will Rogers, Victor McLaglen, Edmund Lowe, El Brendel, Frank Richardson, Marjorie White, J. Harold Murray, Walter Catlett, William Collier, sen., Warner Baxter, James J. Corbett, Ann Pennington, Sharon Lynn, Lew Brice, George MacFarlane, Richard Keene, Charles E. Evans, Whispering Jack Smith, and George Olsen and his music.

"THE COCONUTS."

It is unfortunate that American dictionaries spell coconuts as cocoanuts, for they have nothing in common with cocoa. In the home of the coconut—Malaya and Ceylon—"coconut" is the recognised official spelling by Government and by planters. And they ought to know. The old fashioned and incorrect spelling (cocoanuts) jars on one's sense of correct spelling.

However, right or wrong spelling did not influence the great crowd at the Central Theatre last night when "The Coconuts" commenced a "seven days' run." We can well believe that never before has anything like "The Coconuts" been seen in Hong Kong.

Never before has anything like it been transferred to the screen. Here, at least, is entertainment—singing, dancing, glorious fooling—just the same features that one would see had he paid \$6.50 for a seat at the Broadway stage showing of this Marx Bros. production.

Groucho Marx, the talkative number of the delightful quartette, a side-splitting jester; Harpo, with his dumb show, his expressive pantomime and his inspiring harp playing; Chico with his manic antics; and Zeppo, the foil for his brothers' madness, keep the house rocking with gleeful melodies from Irving Berlin start you humming. The theme song, "When My Dreams Come True," is a catchy, romantic tune that strikes a lilting chord in the heart. Mary Estow, the scintillating blonde; Ziegfeld star, and Oscar Shaw, her partner in the great musical comedy success, "The Five O'Clock Girl," are splendid in the romantic leads and the chorus numbers are snappy, marvellously photographed and perfectly performed.

"MAJESTIC THEATRE."

Jacob Beckmann, the strong man, and his Odyssean travellers gave a clever show at the Majestic Theatre last night. The programme included traditional dances and pantomime, acrobatics, and a grand exhibition of musical control on the stages under an arched canopy. They were appearing again tonight.

Altogether a delightful performance.

The Sallalay Players present "So This is Love," tonight.

For this attraction there are two matinees, one at 2 p.m. and one at 5 p.m. and the programme includes a variety of musical production.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

CHINESE CUSTOMS NOTIFICATION.

THE OFFICES and STATIONS of the CHINESE MARITIME CUSTOMS for Kowloon and District will be CLOSED to Public Business on the 9th July, 1930, being a Customs Holiday.

J. M. H. OSBORNE, Commissioner of Chinese Customs, Kowloon & District, York Building, Hong Kong, 3rd July, 1930.

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Sport Column

LAWN BOWLS.

PROSPECTS OF GAMES
TO-MORROW.

CHAMPIONS AT HOME.

(By "Short Head.")

To-morrow's games in the First Division of the Lawn Bowls League should not throw any light on the championship prospects as the Craigengower C.C. are at home to the Kowloon Bowling Green Club and the Civil Service Cricket Club cross swords with the lowly placed Police Recreation Club. In the Second Division the Kowloon Bowling Green Club may find the revived Craigengower team a hard nut to crack and the same applies to the Civil Service game against the Yacht Club at the Valley.

Police R.C. v. Civil Service.

When these Clubs met on May 17 the Civil Service won by 76-39, whilst on the Police ground a year ago they won by 61-37. With a weakened team a week ago the Civil Service pipped the plucky Club de Recreio by just ten shots, but even that margin should be good enough, on form, to keep the Police in custody at the foot of the table to-morrow. Should the latter do better than that their opponents will be the first to congratulate them.

Kowloon Dock R.C. v. K.C.C.

When the Dock team visited the K.C.C. ground on May 17 they won by 78-58, whilst last season they compiled the big score of 83-37. A week ago the K.C.C. went down badly on their own ground against the Craigengower C.C., whilst the Dock lost by only four shots on their own green against the Bowling Green Club. I backed the Dock a week ago and must do so again to-morrow.

C.C.C. v. K.B.G.C.

When the Craigengower visited Kowloon on May 17 they suffered their only reverse of the season by 59-55, whilst in the game at the Valley a year ago they just won by 60-51. They won too easily last Saturday not to be favourites for to-morrow's encounter in spite of the Bowling Green's victory against the rather unlucky Kowloon Dock team. Still, the invariably small margins in their two last meetings suggest the possibility of a surprise, if any is to be furnished by to-morrow's games.

Taiwoo R.C. v. Club de Recreio.

The first meeting at King's Park this season ended in draw, whilst last year the Recreio took full points by 60-57. A week ago the Taiwoo Club defeated the Police at the Valley, where the Club de Recreio put up a good game against the Civil Service. Having seen both Clubs in action this season twice I just fancy the chances of Taiwoo to-morrow.

DIVISION II.

K.B.G.C. v. C.C.C.

On May 17 the K.B.G.C. went to the Valley and won by 75-67, whilst on their own ground last season they gained the points by 76-45. The C.C.C. are relying on the same team that did so well a week ago against the Electric R.C. and they will make a big effort to emulate the K.C.C.'s fine performance against the Bowling Green Club last Saturday.

Civil Service v. Yacht Club.

At East Point on May 17 the Civil Service won by the narrowest possible margin of 63-62, whilst at the Valley a year ago they won by 79-53. Both Clubs lost a week ago and so both should be out to do something better to-morrow. The margin at the finish should be very close.

Club de Recreio v. Taiwoo R.C.

At Taiwoo on May 17 the Club de Recreio emerged on top by 69-58, whilst at King's Park a year ago they won by 63-48. Both finished on the winning side last Saturday, so that a draw seems probable to-morrow.

K.C.C. v. Electric R.C.

The Electric R.C. were defeated on their own ground on May 17 by 79-58, but they won at Kowloon a year ago by 73-56. If the K.C.C. can reproduce their form against the Bowling Green Club last Saturday they should land both points.

DIVISION III.

The positions in the League to date are:

DIVISION I.

P. W. D. L. Pts.

(Continued on next Column.)

TOURISTS IN GOOD POSITION.

Innings' Defeat for
Yorkshire?

GRIMMETT AGAIN.

London, Yesterday. The Australian's innings closed today for 302 runs after 8 runs had been added to the over-night total of 294-0. Grimmett was in deadly form with the ball and was responsible for the county's collapse, taking 6 wickets for 75 runs out of a total of 146. Following on, Yorkshire fared even worse, and at the close of play had scored only 119 runs for the loss of eight wickets thus being 37 runs behind the tourists' total.

Scores:

Australians: 302 (W. H. Ponsford 143)

Yorkshire: 146 (C. V. Grimmett 67-5)

119-8 —Reuter.

GOLF.

STARTING TIMES FOR
SUNDAY.

The Royal Hong Kong Golf Club notifies the following starting times for Sunday:

LOCAL

Lawn Tennis—To-morrow—

"C" Division—Nippon Club v. H.K.C.C., S.C.A.A. v. K.I.T.C., I.R.C. v. German Club.

Racing—September 27—

Seventh Extra Race Meeting.

October 10 and 11—Eighth Extra Race Meeting.

Lawn Bowls—To-morrow—

1st Division—Police R.C. v. Civil Service C.C.; Kowloon

Dock R.C. v. K.C.C.; C.C.C. v. K.B.G.C.; Taiwoo R.C. v. Club de Recreio; 2nd Division—Recreio v. Taiwoo R.C.; Kowloon B.G.C. v. C.C.C.; C.S.C.C. v. Yacht Club; K.C.C. v. Electric R.C.

Swimming—To-morrow—

2nd Night Fete, V.R.C.

Water Polo—To-day—

—First Division—R.A. v. Chinese AthletiC; Second Division—12th Heavy Battery v. University.

Monday—1st Division—

Kowloon S.C. v. Royal Navy;

2nd Division—Kowloon S.C. v.

12th Heavy Battery, R.A.

Football—Tuesday—Council

Meeting, Association Offices,

5.30 p.m.

HOME

Cricket—July 7-9—Oxford v. Cambridge.

July 11-15—Third Test Match, Leeds.

July 25-29—Fourth Test Match, Manchester.

Tennis—To-day and to-morrow—Championships, Wimbledon.

Rowing—To-day and to-morrow—Henley Regatta.

Athletics—To-day and to-morrow—Amateur Open World Championship, Stamford Bridge.

Racing—July 18—Eclipse Stakes, Sandown.

July 29—Stewards' Cup, Goodwood.

July 30—Goodwood Stakes, Goodwood.

July 31—Goodwood Cup, Goodwood.

RECORDS OF THE SKIPS.

Division I.

W. D. L.

Ltz (C. de R.) 7 0 0

Bradbury (C.C.C.) 7 0 0

Wotherspoon (T.R.C.) 7 0 0

Fraser (K.C.C.) 5 1 0

Eass (C.C.C.) 5 1 0

Grimmett (S.C.C.C.) 5 0 3

Lapsley (K.D.) 5 0 3

Brown (S.C.C.C.) 5 0 3

Wallace (T.R.C.) 4 0 2

Gregory (S.C.C.C.) 4 0 2

West (P.R.C.) 4 1 3

Holland (K.B.G.C.) 3 1 0

Sikstone (K.C.C.) 3 0 5

Atkinson (K.D.) 2 0 1

Godman (K.D.) 2 0 1

Gibson (K.C.C.) 1 0 1

Moss (G.S.C.C.) 1 0 1

Ferguson (T.R.C.) 1 0 2

Drake (K.R.C.) 1 0 2

Wheeler (K.B.G.C.) 2 0 3

Ribeiro (C. de R.) 2 0 5

Gay (K.B.G.C.) 3 0 4

Conrad (C.C.C.) 1 0 0

Groves (K.D.R.C.) 1 0 0

McKeville (P.R.C.) 0 0 1

Dick (P.R.C.) 0 0 1

McTavish (K.B.G.C.) 0 0 1

Yanovich (C. de R.) 0 0 2

Lummert (K.C.C.) 1 0 4

Hurges (P.R.C.) 0 0 8

Division II.

W. L. D.

Roylance (K.B.G.C.) 6 0 1

Chapman (Y.C.) 6 0 1

Basto (C. de R.) 6 0 2

Lambson (T.R.C.) 4 1 1

Haynes (G.S.C.C.) 4 0 3

Davidson (K.B.G.C.) 3 1 2

Alves (C. de R.) 3 1 2

Carr (C.C.C.) 3 0 2

Drake (K.R.C.) 3 0 2

Wheeler (K.C.C.) 3 0 4

Blackmore (K.C.C.) 3 0 5

Gill (G.C.C.) 2 1 1

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INWARD MAIIS

From	Per	
		FRIDAY, JULY 4.
Manila		Tjimaneek
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shau-hai (Seattle, June 14)		President Pierce
		SATURDAY, JULY 5.
Japan		Brisbane Maru
Shanghai and Swatow		Shantung.
Java		Tjisaroea.
		SUNDAY, JULY 6.
Calcutta and Straits		Yuen Sang
		MONDAY, JULY 7.
Manila		President Madison
Australia and Manila		Nellore.
		TUESDAY, JULY 8.
Straits		Cremer.
		FRIDAY, JULY 11.
Japan and Shanghai		Terukuni Maru
		SATURDAY, JULY 12.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, June 13)		Pres. Wilson.

OUTWARD MAIIS

For	Per	
		FRIDAY, JULY 4.
Manila		Emp. of Canada 3.30 p.m.
Samshui & Wuchow		Kong Hing 4 p.m.
Japan, *Canada, *U.S.A., *C. & S. America and *Europe via Victoria, B.C.		(Due Victoria, B.C., July 26.)
		Registration July 4, 4.15 p.m.
		Letters 5 p.m.
Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia		Siberia Maru
		(Due Marselles, Aug. 3.)
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles		Karmala
		(Due Marselles, Aug. 3.)
		G.P.O.
Parcels		Parcels July 4, 5 p.m.
		Registration July 5, 9.45 a.m.
Letters		10 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.
		SATURDAY, JULY 5.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Brisbane		Brisbane Maru
		(Due Brisbane July 19.)
		Registration 4.15 p.m.
Manila		Letters 5 p.m.
		President Pierce 4.30 p.m.
		SUNDAY, JULY 6.
Bangkok via Swatow		Kalga 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa		Canton Maru 9 a.m.
Sandakan		Mausang 9 a.m.
		MONDAY, JULY 7.
Japan, U.S.A., *Canada, C. & S. America and *Europe via Victoria, B.C.		President Madison (Due Victoria, B.C., July 25.)
		Parcels July 7, 3 p.m.
		Registration 4.15 p.m.
		Letters 5 p.m.
Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia		President Madison
		Registration July 7, 5 p.m.
Foochow		Letters 6 p.m.
Amoy		Chenan 3.30 p.m.
		Yuen Sang 5 p.m.

* Superscribed correspondence only.

HENLEY THRILLS.

FURTHER VICTORIES BY AMERICAN CREWS.

PRINCETON BEAT CLARE.

London, Yesterday. The second day of the Regatta at Henley opened in glorious weather, and the banks of the river were thronged with spectators in Summer attire. It was one of the brilliant social occasions of the Season.

The results of the Thames Cup were as follows:

Princeton University (U.S.A.) beat Clare College, Cambridge, by six feet. Time: 7 min. 49 sec.

Kent School (U.S.A.) beat Lanesbury by half length. Time: 7 min. 54 sec.

The American crews thus meet in the next round.—Reuter.

U.S. BASEBALL.

RESULTS IN AMERICAN LEAGUES.

New York, Yesterday.

Two matches were played to-day. In the National League, Pittsburgh lost to Boston by 8 to 11, and in the American League, Philadelphia defeated New York by 5 to 4.—Reuter's American Service.

WHAT PROS. EARN.

£16,000 A YEAR FROM BASEBALL!

When Walter Lindrum, the Australian billiards player, suggested before his departure from England that financially his tour had not been a great success, the firm who arranged his visit to Britain published figures showing that during Lindrum's five months' tour he had been paid over £2,500.

With other earnings, this sum must have been increased to well over £3,000.

This is very good when you place it alongside the £400 paid to each professional member of our last Test team to Australia for an eight months' tour; magnificent compared with the earnings of a first-class Soccer footballer; but infinitesimal against the fabulous sum which the world's most prominent boxers have drawn for a few minutes in the ring, writes H. G. Lewis in the Evening News.

It is well to bear in mind, when studying the earnings of the Big Men of sport that for every man at the top of the ladder there are thousands struggling for a bare living at the bottom.

£3 to £140,000.

Particularly is this so in boxing. When Jack Dempsey landed on Broadway, New York, in 1916, he was glad to fight at a small hall for £3. He might never have got more.

Actually, he ended his career—if, indeed, it is yet ended—by earning over half a million sterling. Such was his magnetic power of drawing dollars from American pockets that altogether in his big fights £2,000,000 was taken in gate-money.

For losing his title to Tunney, Dempsey was paid £140,000, and for failing to regain it from Tunney, £90,000. He has had as much as £2,000 a week for theatre engagements, and thousands more for newspaper articles and advertisements, and for undertaking to let fight-mad crowds merely look at him.

Dempsey took more out of sport than any other man; but he did not take the biggest purse. This fell to Tunney, who, for beating Dempsey a second time at Chicago in 1927, received a cheque for roughly £200,000. The "gate" was £500,000.

Tunney, it might be mentioned, paid away a quarter of that purse to his staff. He retired eventually having earned £400,000—and married a Carnegie heiress to ten millions!

Nothing like that has been earned in Britain, but Carpenter was paid £10,000 for a quarter of a minute's work against Joe Beckett.

Carnera has earned over £500,000 since he was discovered at a fair two years ago, but his outgoings are large, and his net income is unknown.

Baseball, not being a British sport, hardly comes within the scope of comparison, but it is worth mentioning that "Babe" Ruth is getting £16,000 a year in America—with extras.

Golf is a bad second to boxing, yet not too bad for contemplation. During the boom years of Florida, Walter Hagen, golf's "dollar champion," was paid £6,000 a year by the Pasadena club, who stipulated that he must be there for the four winter months.

A Cricketer's Pay.

With exhibition games and prize-money Hagen was then earning probably £10,000 a year. Now he runs a huge business and is a freelance golfer.

Leo Diegel's present retainer from the Augua Calenta club alone is £3,000 a year.

There are British golfers making £2,000 a year, but only a few and not solely by golf. There is not a golfer in Britain who earns £1,000 a year by golf alone—even the winning of a £200 prize costs about £50 in expenses! And there are hundreds of professional golfers earning less than a good plumber.

Of our cricketers Hobbs earns the largest salary, and he like many others, has also a flourishing business. The best of our cricketers get as much as £15 a match from a wealthy county, £27 for a Test match, varying amounts of talent money, and the chance of a benefit which may bring in £2,000, or may be washed out by rain and bring in practically nothing at all.

Cricketers' earnings, we may say, graduate from the £2 or £3 a week of the man on the ground staff to a comfortable £1,000 a year of the very few.

Karel Kozeluh, the professional lawn tennis champion, is said to earn at least £1,000 a year, mostly through coaching and there are British coaches who must be doing as well or better.

Footballer's Reward.

Soccer players, though their wages are smaller than in some other sports, and are rigidly limited, are better off because a bigger percentage of them are on the top rung of the ladder.

The most a man can be paid is £400 a year (£8 a week in the season and £6 in the summer), with a bonus of £2 for a win and £1 for a draw.

He can also receive a benefit of not more than £650 after five years' first-class service with the same club. Many good League players average about £6 a week, including bonuses, and get no benefit!

Farther down the scale are thousands who just pick up a little now and again—cyclists, for instance, and such as rowing champions whose expenses for a big match are generally raised by subscription—weight-lifters, bowlers, players in the North, wrestlers, runners and Rugby League players.

Lastly, because they are impossible to place in accordance with relative earnings, are the jockeys. One knows that on the flat they are paid three guineas for a losing mount and five guineas if they win. But their actual earnings are impossible to gauge, for they often consist, to the extent of 90 per cent, of presents from owners.

It has even been known for the jockey of the Derby winner to be given the whole of the stake—some £8,000!

JOLLY WINS TOURNEY.

London, May 31.

Leeds.—In the final of the thousand guineas professional tournament, Herbert Jolly (Foxgrove) beat O. Sanderson (Bradford), 3 and 1.

T. H. Cotten, after qualifying yesterday, collapsed on the course from influenza and it is questionable whether he will be fit for the open championship on June 16.

Have You Heard?

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

Opening Daily Official Quotations 4th July, 1930.

STOCK	Buy- ers	Sell- ers	Sales	Nom.	Fin. Year	Dividends and when paid
Banks.						
Hodg Kong Bank ...\$	1500	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 44/4c a/c 1929 ex. 1/1/30-10/12]
Chartered Bank ...\$	161	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 14/- a/c 1929 free 1/1/30-10/12]
Mercantile Bk., A.A.B., C. & C. ...\$	261	...	...	121	Dec.	[Final 3/- a/c 1929 less 10%]
Bank of Asia ...\$	121	...	...	121	Dec.	83 for 1929
Insurances.						
Canton Ins. ...\$	...	...	...	650	Dec.	[Final 82/- for 1929 Interim 61/2c a/c 1929]
Union Ins. ...\$	450	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 14/- for 1929 Interim 14/- a/c 1929]
China Underwriters ...\$	8	...	...	...	Dec.	None
China Fire Ins. ...\$	400	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 13/- bonus 60/- free 1/1/30-10/12]
H. K. Fire Ins. ...\$	955	...	...	955	Dec.	84/- for 1929
Shipping.						
Douglas's ...\$	...	...	...	24	Dec.	None
H. K. Steamboat ...\$	25	...	...	...	Dec.	£150 for 1929
Indo-China (Pref.) ...\$	43	...	...	40	Dec.	[15/- ex. 2/- on preferred for 1924 and 1925]
Shell Transport ...\$	97/8	...	...	...	Dec.	None
Union Waterboats ...\$	92	...	...	...	Dec.	£150 for 1929
Mining.						
Benguet ...\$	64	Dec.	Interim 15/- contours a/c 1929
Kailan Mining Ad. ...\$	31/3	June	[Interim 1/- free 1/1/30 (Coupon No

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An accident involving the loss of three lives occurred during the week on Gloucester House building. The fatality was the result of the slipping of a derrick which was hoisting a steel beam. The accident is fully reported in the *OVERLAND CHINA MAIL*, which also draws attention to the fact that it was fully 45 minutes before an ambulance arrived on the scene.

As a result, it is stated, of speculation in Shanghai, the Industrial and Commercial Bank closed its doors, "until further notice." Enquiries by an *OVERLAND CHINA MAIL* representative elicited the information that the bank, together with many others, has been badly hit by the unprecedented fall in the value of the dollar.

A raid was made during the week on a Hong Kong vernacular paper, and a quantity of literature seized. This is the second time within a year that the premises have been raided. The *OVERLAND CHINA MAIL* gives complete details of the incident.

Sidelights upon Chinese theatrical finance were shown in the course of a case in which a local actor was sued for alleged debt in the Summary Court. The case is fully reported in the *OVERLAND CHINA MAIL*.

The visit of a tennis team from Meiji University, who played a series of exhibition games with local net stars, was of special interest to local sportsmen. The *OVERLAND CHINA MAIL* contains a full report of the matches. Local sport is fully dealt with in the current issue.

There is no phase of the life of the Colony or of China that does not receive attention in the *OVERLAND CHINA MAIL* — the weekly paper that **YOU MUST ORDER NOW.**

Letters to relatives and friends in other parts of the world frequently fail to be written even by the most ardent correspondents. It is a kindly thought, therefore, to ensure that those away from the Colony, or folks at home, should have an unfailing supply of Hong Kong and Chinese news every week by means of a subscription to the "Overland China Mail."

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"THE OVERLAND CHINA MAIL."

FIRE BRIGADE FIGHTS AMMONIA GAS.

Remarkable Accident in Shanghai.

TWELVE WOMEN TRAPPED.

The escape of ammonia gas from refrigerating machinery at the Ewo Cold Storage Company, Shanghai recently caused a hurried call for the Fire Brigade, who rescued workers by means of ladders and finally, wearing gas-masks, managed to shut off the plant. Thanks to a strong wind most of the gas was soon dissipated, although the pungent atmosphere was clearly to be noticed for a long time after.

The reason for the leak of gas was a crack which developed in the cylinder head of the compressor. With the machinery in full opera-

tion, gas under pressure escaped and spread rapidly all over the building and down the road.

All the workers managed to make their escape from the building with the exception of 12 women on the first floor, and these were got out by the firemen with the aid of ladders. None of them was hurt, but it was found necessary to rush one woman to hospital in the rescue van.

With the arrival of the rescue van, which carries special gas-masks, the firemen were able to enter the building, which was previously impossible as the ordinary gas-masks were of little use against ammonia. Valves were shut down, and the machinery brought to a standstill thus stopping further leakage of gas.

The condition of the atmosphere may be gauged from the result on the victims of the scaling ladders used to reach valves on the roof. This was turned to jelly by the chemical action of the gas. Hoses were laid on with spraying nozzles in order to absorb some of the ammonia in the air in the building, and this had a beneficial effect aided by the strong wind that was blowing.

BENEDICTINES BACK IN FRANCE.

A.T.T. Liqueur for the American Market.

The Benedictine monks, long exiled from France, have returned to the ruins of their beautiful abbey, and, coincident with their arrival, the holders of their old secret formulae have announced that, after months of effort, they have succeeded in producing a refined kind of the famous Benedictine liqueur which can comply with the American prohibition laws.

The new liqueur, termed Arome Benedictine, has but 6 per cent. alcohol, which is about half the alcoholic content of a light wine, but it has all the aroma of a stiff drink.

The makers believe that it will solve the problem of circumventing the law, for it has all the colour, appearance and perfume of a real liqueur without its after effects.

This Arome is now being generally advertised, and homebound tourists are approached by efficient salesmen who are disposing of many cases, shipped along with the tourists as baggage; likewise, the export of the new product to America has started, a perfectly legal step since it complies with the law.

The Benedictine monks, who found the recipe, and once made all the Benedictine, Chartreuse and Cestine which France and the world drank, in the stills which kept up the costs of their abbeys, no longer make the liqueur.

With the separation of church and state, their abbeys and stills were seized, and the famous abbey at Fecamp, where most of the liqueur was made, was sold to a stock company which still exploits the product and even goes so far as to put a cross on the bottle, just as the monks did.

The recent French law which allowed the religious orders to return, permitted the Benedictines to come back to the ruins of Saint Wandrille in the Seine valley. There they will attempt to find living space amid the walls of the 14th century cloister, over which ivy has grown in profusion.

Sixty monks have come home since early May, and their Gregorian chant sounds from the cloister, while each evening the old chimes toll out the Angelus.

The monks will not be able to return to their liqueur making, however, for the stock company brought from the state the exclusive manufacturing rights. For the present the monks will grow older for which that part of Normandy is famous.

MR. J. H. WHITLEY.

ACCEPTS CHAIRMANSHIP OF B. B. C.

London, June 5. Mr. J. H. Whitley, a former Speaker in the House of Commons, has accepted the Chairmanship of the British Broadcasting Corporation on the condition that his new appointment does not disturb his work with the Indian Labour Commission.

The Labour Commission as provisionally arranged, visits Ceylon, Burma, and Calcutta this winter, after which it will proceed to Ootacamund to write the report.

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Tablets which acted easily on his bowels, after which he went peacefully to sleep. On waking he took food and mended rapidly.

Baby's Own Tablets, the famous specific for children's stomach and intestinal troubles, are obtainable from chemists everywhere, at 70 cents per vial.

MURDER OF A MONGOL DEALER.

FIVE MEN BREAK INTO HOUSE.

TRAGEDY AT TIENSIN.

Tientsin, June 16. A well-known local pony-dealer, a Mongolian named Socart Daheff (Sa-Keh-La-Ta in Chinese), was murdered on Saturday night by a band of men whose object is not yet clear but who, it has been suggested, may have been prompted by a feud among local pony-dealers.

It is understood that Daheff had sold his stock of ponies and was about to make another journey to Mongolia in order to get a fresh supply of animals. Other dealers are stated not to have been so successful in disposing of their ponies and some ill-feeling had sprung up and it is thought that this, may have had something to do with the tragic affair on Saturday night.

SHOT THROUGH THE HEART.

The deceased man lived in House No. 2, San Ho Li, Tung Lo, Race Course Road, not far from Dr. R. J. Hoch's Veterinary Hospital, where he had a dairy, and it appears that about 10.30 p.m. a party of five men got over the low wall into the yard. Three remained there while the other two entered the house. The shorter of these two had his face painted black and carried a revolver.

A Russian woman employed by Daheff came to the entrance and the shorter man struck her in the face and she fell down. Daheff then came out of an inner room and the shorter man fired one shot at him with his revolver. Daheff fell dead, the bullet passing through his heart. As the intruders had entered the compound the dogs kept on the premises barked loudly and the alarm had already been given.

Several policemen from No. 5 Suburban Police Station nearby rushed to the house but the whole band of miscreants escaped over the wall firing on the police as they sped away. The police returned the fire but no one was hit and no arrests were made.

It is stated that there were two Russian women, two Russian men, and several Chinese in the house at the time of the affair. Nothing was stolen.

The deceased, who was 39 years of age, leaves a widow and three children. An inquest will be held by the Chinese authorities this (Monday) morning.—P. & T. Times.

STUDENTS' UNION.

NOW NON-EXISTENT IN SHANGHAI.

SHANGHAI.

Finis has been written to the resolution-passing, slogan-shouting and politically ambitious Shanghai Students' Federation. The federation has abruptly ceased to exist, following strong pressure brought to bear by the Nanking Government and the Central Kuomintang.

The federation had sway in the International Settlement and attempted to participate in all public affairs, whether, or not they concerned the federation.

For instance, if a foreign-driven vehicle accidentally injured or killed a Chinese, the federation was quick to pass resolutions demanding the punishment of the foreigner and the payment of a large sum to his relatives, even if it was proved that the victim was at fault.

When the proposal was made to sell the S. M. Electricity Department, the federation lost no time in rejecting the proposal, passing resolutions, shouting slogans and distributing literature bearing on the matter.

Nothing more was heard of her until February 26, 1927, when her brother-in-law, Mr. Lloyd, who lives at Bourne, was informed by a news agency that a decomposed body answering to the description of Miss Daniels had been found in a wood at Wimereux, near Boulogne.

Becoming more ambitious, the federation began to take a hand in matters concerning the Nanking Government. Some of their actions were regarded as not favourable to the present Government. The result was that the Nanking Government took action.

In compliance with an order by the Chinese Government the members of the federation ceased to be active politically, and at the same time the federation was declared dissolved. On Friday the documents and records were handed over to the local Kuomintang, and the federation is no more.—Shanghai Sunday Times.

PRIEST SENT TO PRISON.

SIKH ATTACKED WHILE ASLEEP.

There was an unusually large attendance of members of the local Sikh Community at the Perak Assizes at Ipoh, when Nassa Singh, a priest attached to the Gurduwara-Chenderlang, was brought up for trial on a charge of voluntarily causing hurt to one Inder Singh. His crime was alleged to be a particularly brutal one and was committed when his victim was asleep.

Inder Singh, the complainant, who had lost his leg as the result of the attack told the Court that he was lying asleep on a charpoy in a friend's house. He had no work at the time and was lodging there. He was awakened from his sleep by a sharp pain in his leg.

Long-Bladed Knife.

As soon as he opened his eyes he noticed his assailant who was holding a long-bladed knife in his hand. He got up from the charpoy and as soon as he was erect he was felled by a blow on his head. He lay on the ground unconscious and the next thing he knew was that he was in hospital and that he had lost a leg.

He alleged, as a motive for the attack, the fact that he had made an enemy of the accused by reporting him to the temple authorities. His allegations were that the accused who was a priest had certain bad habits.

A tailor, another lodger, who happened to be outside the house in the jungle near by, actually saw the accused strike Inder Singh, and when he came out from the jungle the accused saw him and fled.

While running he passed a woman who was washing at a stand pipe. This woman who was the wife of Bishen Singh, the owner of the house where the outrage was perpetrated, and the tailor were the principal witnesses who identified the accused at the trial. Several Punjabis gave evidence for the prosecution after which the accused made his defence.

He told the Court that the case had been falsely brought against him. The complainant was angry with him because he had upbraided the complainant for his behaviour with Bishen Singh's wife. He denied having cut the complainant's leg.

The Court found the accused guilty and sentenced him to four years' rigorous imprisonment. It was stated that he had been falsely brought against him. The complainant was angry with him because he had upbraided the complainant for his behaviour with Bishen Singh's wife. He denied having cut the complainant's leg.

Sequel to Neighbours' Quarrel.

Boulogne, June 7. The discovery of a gold wristwatch may lead to the solution of a murder mystery which has baffled the English and French police since February, 1927.

The body of an English nurse, Miss Daniels, was then discovered at a lonely spot near Boulogne. Her watch was missing.

A neighbours' quarrel between Madame Pilven and Prudhomme resulted in the former telling the police that Madame Prudhomme had a watch which was "stolen from the Englishwoman."

The police searched Madame Prudhomme's house and found a watch similar to Miss Daniels'.

They arrested Madame Prudhomme.

Later it was proved that the wrist watch found by the police in Madame Prudhomme's house did not belong to Miss Daniels.

M. Prudhomme, who has been arrested on a charge of stealing a bicycle, will be confronted with his wife, who has been charged with stealing vegetables.

The late Miss May Daniels, a nurse employed at the Chiswick and Ealing Isolation Hospital, visited Brighton with Miss McCarthy, another nurse at the hospital, early in October, 1926. The two women decided to cross the Channel to Boulogne for a few hours. After reaching Boulogne Quay for the return journey, Miss Daniels went to the waiting room.

Nothing more was heard of her until February 26, 1927, when her brother-in-law, Mr. Lloyd, who lives at Bourne, was informed by a news agency that a decomposed body answering to the description of Miss Daniels had been found in a wood at Wimereux, near Boulogne.

Becoming more ambitious, the federation began to take a hand in matters concerning the Nanking Government. Some of their actions were regarded as not favourable to the present Government. The result was that the Nanking Government took action.

In compliance with an order by the Chinese Government the members of the federation ceased to be active politically, and at the same time the federation was declared dissolved. On Friday the documents and records were handed over to the local Kuomintang, and the federation is no more.—Shanghai Sunday Times.

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ATTEMPT TO WRECK
A TRAIN.Stones and Logs of Wood
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Bangkok, June 16. Only the vigilance of the driver prevented the International Express, which arrived here from Penang on Saturday, from being wrecked.

While going through Siamese territory the driver noticed in front of him lit up by his searchlight, a pile of stones and small logs of wood was met. This was cleared, and the train arrived here two hours late.

This attempt to wreck the train is being investigated by the police.

OUT IN 'FRISCO.

WONDERFUL 'PHONE
EXCHANGE.

CHINESE TRANSLATIONS.

San Francisco. Chinatown, which for some time has boasted of its own stock exchange, its own telephone exchange and its own aeronautical association, has come forward again with something else of its own.

It now has its own telegraph station, the first Chinese office ever established outside of China, according to officials of the Postal Telegraph Company. The new agency, which is a branch of the Postal system, was instituted because of the voluminous wire and cable correspondence carried on in Chinatown.

Formerly it was inconvenient for a Chinese who could not write English to send a telegram. Then, too, if he received one written in English he would have to hunt someone to read it for him.

Translation.

All this difficulty is done away with now. Chinese who are unable to speak or write English may submit their messages in Chinese script, and able clerks, under Miss Bessie Loo, translate the script into English. The same girls will put into Chinese, message received in English.

All the messengers are Chinese boys who can speak enough dialects to deliver messages any place in Chinatown.

A Chinese comes into the office to send a telegram.

"Ngor shung gai fond din bo," he says. To Miss Loo this means, "I want to send a telegram."

She translates the script into English and says, "Gor shee ha sup gor gee"—"That will be just ten words."

As the customer pays for the message she thanks him with "Dor jai," and they both smile.

We have done this sort of thing in Hong Kong for several years. Without smiling, too.

WORKERS' DEFIAENCE.
SOVIET FARMS ONLY PARTLY
SOWED AND TILLED.

The execution of the Government's plan for the sowing campaign is given much attention by the Soviet Press. Iavestia writes: "We are not satisfied with the percentage of the plan executed."

According to the statistics of the Commissariat of Agriculture 50 per cent. only of the plan had been effected by April 30, and 68 per cent. by May 5.

The independent farmers have so far only sown one-sixth of the area that was expected of them. This failure must be attributed to a great extent to the refusal of the local authorities to supply credit to mechanized collective farms, the

MUSIC • DRAMA • FILMS.

SEEKING EASTERN
MARKETS.Elstree Makes First
Dutch Sound Film.

The strides that British films are making and their popularity in other countries was explained to a Straits Times representative by Mr. C. St. Endellion Williams, of the British International Pictures, who arrived in Singapore recently.

Mr. Williams has come to Singapore as a representative of the company and will control all the company's productions throughout the Far East. He thinks the East is an important outlet for British films and that American produc-

TITLE CHANGED.
THEY AN OBJECTION TO
"MOLOCH."

London, June 2. "Moloch," the anti-war play now running at the Strand Theatre, was mentioned to Mr. Justice Clauson in the Chancery Division on Saturday.

Mr. Cyril Radcliffe, in the action of Madame Beatrice de Holthour v. Fenn and others, asked on behalf of Madame de Holthour for an ex parte injunction to restrain the defendants from producing or advertising the play under the name "Moloch" so as to lead the public to believe that they were producing the plaintiff's play.

holiday resort for many Londoners.

Mr. Justice Clauson: The popular London playgoer does not know very much about what is being acted in Paris.

He added that having regard to the serious consequences of an ex parte injunction in cases of this character, he thought he ought not to grant it unless "heavier metal" than the plaintiff had disclosed was forthcoming.

He would give the plaintiff leave to serve notice of motion with the writ before Mr. Justice Maugham for Thursday next.

ANN PENNINGTON.



With ensemble of smart steppers in the lavish song and dance scene, "Snake Hips" of "Happy Days".

tions will soon be outstripped by Elstree producers, who are aiming more at quality in their productions than quantity.

The latest achievement of the Elstree studios is a notable one particularly in this part of the world. "Elstree Calling", the popular screen revue has been produced both in English and Dutch. This is the first Dutch sound film made in the world and famous Dutch artists came over specially from Amsterdam to Elstree to participate in the production. It will be released shortly in the Dutch East Indies, while the English version will be screened here.

In connection with this move Mr. Williams pointed out that Elstree was more advantageously situated as regards studios for international talkies than Hollywood. Many continental artists were loath to go so far as Hollywood, while many who had gone were dissatisfied with the conditions and had returned.

As regards meeting the American competition for control of European markets, Mr. Williams said that quality in the end would tell. As an illustration of the popularity of British sound films he instanced South America. "In Brazil and other parts of that vast country the British film is growing in popularity every day. Also in Spain and the continent generally they are popular. People are interested to learn English and hear it spoken with an English accent. Then our policy is to make talkies in the language of the country where the film will be exhibited, and here again we score over America, for Elstree is far better placed than Hollywood and convenient to the continent."

Mr. Williams's appointment will not interfere with the Australasian Films (Malaya) Ltd., who will continue to handle the British International Pictures productions.

Originally, he said, the defendants intended to call the play "Every Mother's Son," and then they changed the name to "Any Mother's Son." Objection was raised by Britannia Films Limited, who had a film entitled "Every Mother's Son," and on Thursday the defendants gave an undertaking to change the name by Monday to "Cannon Fodder," or some other name which bore no resemblance to that of the film.

Unfortunately, through pure accident, they selected the name "Moloch" instead of "Cannon Fodder," and the play was produced on Thursday last at the Strand Theatre under that name.

An affidavit by Madame Holthour stated that her play "Moloch" was produced in Paris at the Comedie Francaise in December, 1928.

It had been seen by many English and American visitors, and had, in fact, acquired a world-wide reputation.

Considerable confusion was likely to arise in the minds of the public, as she hoped to produce her play in London in July.

"Cause Ridicule."

Mr. Macgillivray, for the defendants, said that they had never heard of the plaintiff's play when they selected the title of "Moloch." It would cause great inconvenience and, indeed, almost ridicule, if they had to change the name of their play again. They were not prepared to do so at a moment's notice.

Mr. Justice Clauson, remarked that the plaintiff's evidence as to the possibility of the theatre-going public confusing the two plays was, in his view, a little thin.

Mr. Rudcliffe said that nowadays, so far as theatrical conditions were concerned, London and Paris were not very widely separated. Paris had become a happy

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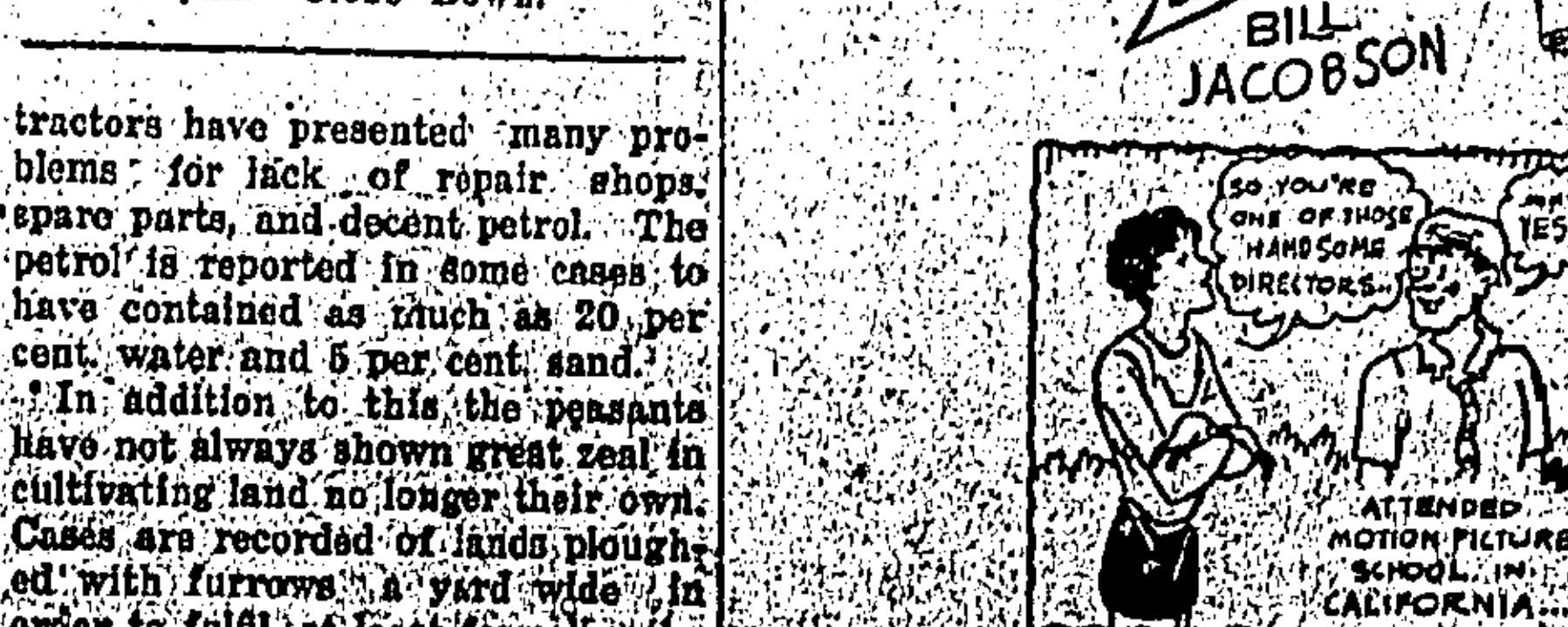
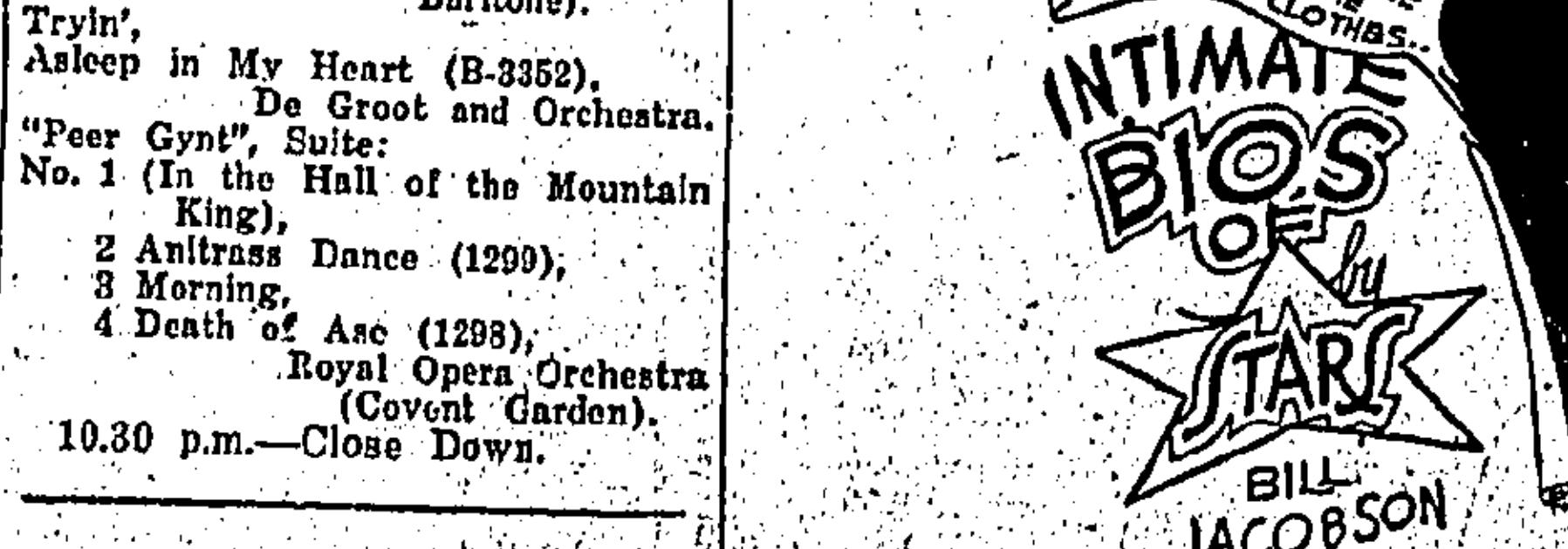
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LOCAL LANDSLIDE.

CHINESE BURIED BY DEBRIS AT HOMUNTIN.

DIES IN HOSPITAL.

A landslide which resulted in one death occurred in Kowloon yesterday afternoon. The victim was Kung Choi (25), who was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital at 2.30 p.m. and died at 3.20. He was a stonemason employed by the Foo Loong firm of contractors and lived in the firm's masonry in Argyle Street. He was working at the foot of the hill standing off Argyle Street and facing Homuntin, when the slide occurred. Many tons of earth came down and the unfortunate man was buried underneath. When he was eventually dug out, he was still alive, but it was obvious that he would not survive because his spine was injured.

EMPIRE TRADE.

EXTENDING MARKETS FOR BRITISH PRODUCTS.

URGENT MEASURES NEEDED.

London, Yesterday. A meeting of bankers and financial houses, including the Bank of England and the Chairman of National, Westminster and Midland Banks passed a resolution that urgent measures to promote inter-Imperial trade were needed to reciprocal trade agreements between other nations and the British Empire.

As a condition of securing such agreements, Britain must retain an open market for all Empire products, while being prepared to impose duties on all imports from other countries. A copy of the resolution has been sent to party leaders. The resolution is important politically and economically, as bankers up till now have been traditional defenders of free trade.—Reuter.

Y.M.C.A. ACTIVITIES.

A games night was held at the European Young Men's Christian Association, Kowloon last night. Sixty members and guests were present at this enjoyable entertainment held in the lounge on the first floor.

The games consisted of Bridge, Mahjongg and Whist and the

INDIA 'QUAKE.

SHOCK FELT ALL OVER COUNTRY.

GODS APPEASED.

Calcutta, Yesterday. An earthquake at three o'clock in the morning frightened many sleepers, who were disturbed in their beds, but the material damage was confined to interrupted telephone communications.

The shock was also felt at other centres in Bengal.

Crowds in the Indian quarters surged into the streets and blew conch shells, with the idea of propitiating the Hindu goddess Basha-ki.

Some Damage Done.

Later. The earthquake damaged a number of places in the city, including the High Court, which was severely shaken.

The source of the shock was probably West Assam, where apparently it was most severe. Nine severe shocks were felt at Gaunati, in Assam, where several buildings were damaged and many persons injured.

Bridges on the Bengal Eastern Railway were damaged, but a restricted service has been maintained. News is meagre, owing to the interruption of the telegraphs.—Reuter.

Before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith,

at the Kowloon Magistracy, yesterday afternoon an unemployed Chinaman was charged with the theft of quantity of jewellery worth \$95.50

from a goldsmith's shop at 70 Main Street, Kowloon City.

The master of another goldsmith's shop at 62 Main Street, and another unemployed Chinaman, were jointly charged with receiving stolen property.

After some evidence was taken of Police investigation which led to the discovery of the missing jewellery on the first floor of 62 Main Street, and the subsequent arrest of the three accused, the case was adjourned until July 11.

tables were well divided, if anything, Bridge gained the preponderance.

The following were the prize-winners:

Bridge. — Ladies—Mrs. Lloyd Jones; Gentlemen—Mr. Puncheon.

Mahjongg. — Ladies—Mrs. Craig; Gentlemen—Mr. Gelling.

Whist.—Ladies—Miss Booth; Gentlemen—Mr. Davey.—Canton News Agency.

LOWER DEATH RATE.

HIGH DECREASE IN MORTALITY IN 80 YEARS.

TUBERCULOSIS LESS.

Rugby, Yesterday. Sir George Newman, Chief Medical Officer to the Ministry of Health, addressing the Conference of the National Association for the prevention of tuberculosis, said that the death rate from pulmonary tuberculosis or consumption in England and Wales has fallen from 3,189 per million, in 1847 to 709 in 1928. In 80 years three quarters of the burden of mortality had disappeared. Still more remarkable was the decline of mortality in non-pulmonary tuberculosis, for since 1917 it had been halved.—British Wireless Service.

JAPANESE VISIT.

PRINCE TAKAMATSU SEES LONDON'S AIR PORT.

Rugby, Yesterday.

Prince and Princess Takamatsu of Japan visited Croydon Aerodrome to-day. They were welcomed by Lord Thomson, Secretary for Air, and Sir Sefton Brancker. The Royal visitors were much impressed by London's air port. They asked many questions about the up-to-date machines which carry on air services to the Continent and India.

Several of the pilots were presented to them. They spent nearly half an hour in the control tower watching operators communicating with various air liners on their way to and from the Continent.—British Wireless Service.

KWANTUNG ANNIVERSARY.

Canton, Yesterday. The fifth anniversary of the formation of the Kwantung Provincial Government was celebrated yesterday at the Government office with Chairman Chan Ming-shu in the chair, attended by the staffs of various departments above the Tsien Jen (2nd rank). The office was decorated with flags and bunting and floral designs.

In the evening, a dinner was given by Chairman Chan for the entertainment of the entire Government office staff.—Canton News Agency.

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